

Academy Square. 3d July 1776

Dear Sir,

My last to you, which was a few days since - was forwarded through one of public Officers, and will I hope come safe to your hands; since, which nothing material has occurred here; indeed the general expectation, especially of us Americans, is fixed on news from that quarter; we had yesterday an unpleasing report, that a Vessel arrived from Boston at Bristol² brought advice that another Ordinance Ship with a large quantity of Powder &c. was taken, and by what I have heard before from Halifax I fear this news is too well founded.

I presume that all the Troops destined for America are now gone, saving recruits, of which a large number have lately enlisted, and are daily sending off.

Mr. Simpson tells me that Mr. Daniels's coming here is uncertain, and that he was expecting a letter from me; if therefore he should be with you, you'd please to deliver him the enclosed; if he should have left.

you, please to destroy it, after reading it, if your curiosity
should incline you to that.

As provisions are so dear in this place, I judge
that the American salt fish, would be useful in our
Family, if therefore you have any with you of the right
sort (which Mr. Gcal. Korea lately came from thence say-
ing) I beg the favor of you to send me a quintal of it -

I hope this will find you and your family in
good health and spirits, and that you may have the
pleasing prospect of better times -

My affectionate, and hearty regards attend Sister
Winston and your Children, & I beg the favor of you
to make my due compliments to all our relations that
may be with you, and to their Gentlemen of my Acquain-
tance. Mr. Cooley & wife send their dutiful and affec-
tionate respects to you & yours - I am -

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate Brother
& faithful Friend
Richard Clarke

¶ Since the aforesaid Mrs. Cosley
has rec'd a Letter from her Sister Bromfield, she
writes, that she is obliged to confine herself to
domestick ~~concerns~~, intelligence, and that their
Family was well, that her daughter Martin wrote
her, that they designed for England the first good
opportunity, but proposed a Visit to Boston first,
that Mrs. Lee had been with them, but in poor
health, and was gone again to the Southward
to bring Mrs. Lee home, and that an Englishman
who left England in Nov: had informed them of
mine & Mrs. Cosley's arrival here. Mrs. Bromfield's
Letter is of 29th May & came by a Schooner from
Cape Horn which brought here some Captains
who had been taken.

¶ I yesterday rec'd. yours of 2. June, and thank you
for your affectionate concern in the welfare of my Family
I have repeatedly mentioned your affair to H: H: he says
nothing can be done in it at present. Mr. Tager is out
of Town. If it should ever be in my power to do you any
service, it would give me great pleasure, but I don't
judge it should be able to do you service in this affair
your mention, but by recommending your other friends of you, which I
shall afford to, when any prospect opens - I had no share in procuring what
my Son have got, neither did H: H: assist in it & I had no other opportunity of
lending out your small articles, but by favor of Mrs. Bostwick; I hope on reflection
you won't think I could have asked a receipt for them, if you write him, I
hope you will hear of them. I suppose his sickness has been the sole cause
of your failing to receive them. You don't mention whether you have rec'd.
the other articles I sent you -

H: H: Lee
R. C.

To
Isaac Winslow Esq:
Halifax

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